

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ECONOMIC CONDITION OF FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the economic condition of the farmers has deteriorated after the adoption of new agriculture policy in the country;
- (b) if so, the remedial steps taken by the Government so far in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government propose to conduct a survey of the economic condition of the farmers; and
- (d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a): The first ever National Agriculture Policy was announced in July, 2000. Not enough time has elapsed since then to assess deterioration, or otherwise, in the economic conditions of farmers.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c)&(d): As part of a study titled 'State of Indian Farmers – a Millennium Study', it is proposed to conduct a country-wide Situation Assessment Survey on the professional and economic environment of farmers. The time schedule of the Survey has not yet been firmed up.